JANUARY 22nd

On this day in...

2022: Strong Santa Anas peaked in the foothills of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains and adjacent valleys ranged from 50 to 80+ mph. Numerous trees and power poles in Upland, Ontario and Claremont were downed, crushing several vehicles, damaging homes and knocking out power.

2017: A series of three winter storms hit during five days from 1/19 to 1/23. Total rainfall reached

This high water rescue took place in Jurupa Valley near Riverside on this day in 2017.

10-13 inches along the coastal slopes from San Bernardino to San Diego County. Over the coast and valleys 2-7 inches of rain occurred with 0.5-3 inches in the deserts. Widespread flooding resulted, including damage to homes and businesses and numerous stranded vehicles in several feet of water. Dozens of high water rescues were made, 29 in San Diego County on this day, although one boy was swept away to his death in floodwaters in Rainbow. The governor declared a State of Emergency in San Diego County.

2010: A very wet and dynamic series of storms started on 1/18 and ended on this day. Rainfall ranged from two to four inches in the deserts, to four to eight inches west of the mountains, to six to 12 inches on the coastal slopes. Widespread flooding resulted across the region. Snowfall of 40 to 60 inches was reported at the higher resorts, with up to seven feet at the highest ski resorts. Some of the worst flash flooding occurred in the high desert on the 1/21 due to the prolonged heavy rainfall. Scores of homes and several schools sustained damage, and many roads were washed out in Hesperia, Apple Valley, Victorville and Adelanto. Numerous swift water rescues were needed, one of which likely saved four teens trapped in a

storm water drain. On 1/19 a tornado went through Seal Beach and Huntington Beach causing local damage including boats in Huntington Harbor, and wind gusts reached 60 mph in San Clemente. Several waterspouts and very strong winds of 93 mph were also reported in Newport Beach and Huntington Beach. On 1/21 the surface pressure fell to an all-time record low of 29.15 inches (987.1 mb) at San Diego Lindbergh Field, the lowest since reliable pressure records began in 1880. Two deaths in Tijuana were attributed to the flooding. A tree fell onto a mobile home in Lakeside, causing one fatality on 1/19.

2006: A Santa Ana wind event brought peak winds from this day to 1/24. On 1/24 at Fremont Canyon gusts reached 71 mph. During these days, wind gusts exceeded 60 mph on 19 observations there. Seven big rigs overturned in Fontana. Downed power lines and trees caused power outages and property damage. A roof of a carport was torn off in Hemet. A dust storm closed Ramona Expressway.

1996: A storm that started on this day and ended on 1/23 brought 12 inches of snow above 4000 feet.

1988: Strong offshore winds followed a major Pacific storm that started on 1/21 and ended on this day. Gusts reached 80 mph at the Grapevine and 60 mph in Ontario. Power poles, road signs and big rigs were knocked down in the Inland Empire. In San Diego County, roofs were blown off houses, trees were toppled and crops destroyed. A barn was demolished in Pine Valley. 20 buildings were destroyed or damaged at Viejas. Avocado and flower crops were destroyed in Fallbrook and Encinitas, respectively. Five greenhouses were destroyed in Encinitas. Six were injured in San Diego County from the winds.
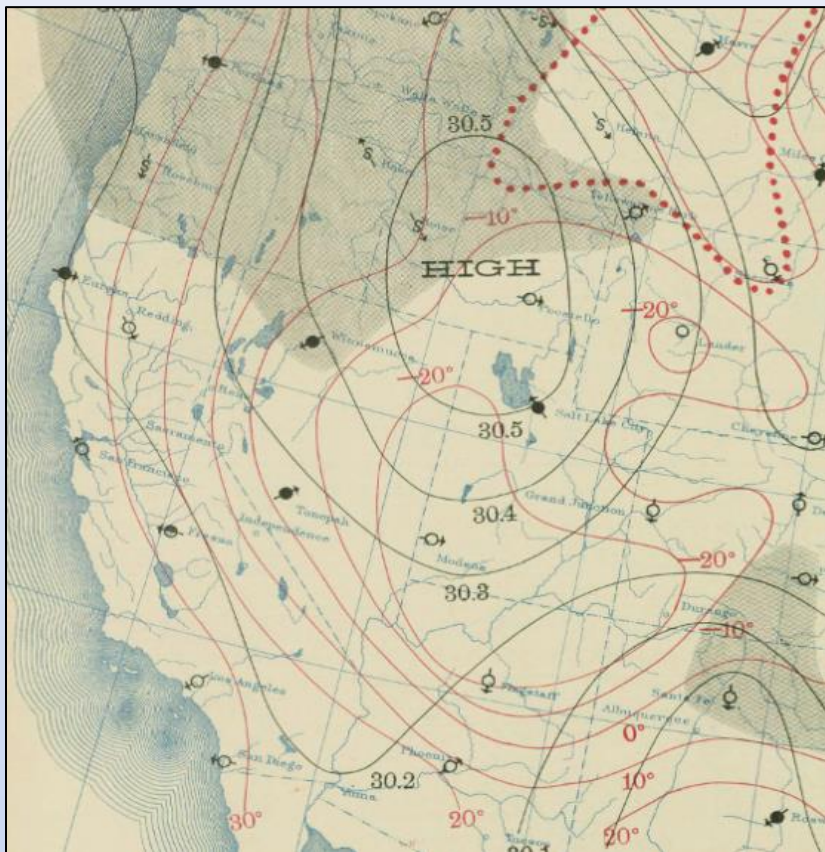
1983: A series of storms produced surf up to 16 feet from this day to 1/29. Several piers collapsed. Damage was done to numerous businesses and homes. Several injuries occurred as people were swept off rocks.

1969: Heavy rains of tropical origin began on 1/18 ended on 1/28. As much as 50 inches of rain fell at 7,700 feet. 31 inches of rain fell on the south slopes of Mt. San Gorgonio, 15.5 inches at San Jacinto Peak, around ten inches at Banning, less than 1 inch from Indio southeast. 91 were reported dead from flooding and mud slides all over California. Scores died in traffic accidents. Hundreds of homes and buildings were destroyed in slides, including 14 destroyed and 11 damaged homes in Mt. Baldy Village. 50 homes near Forest Home (Forest Falls) were damaged by flooding. Highways and railroads washed out. Power outages occurred. Cucamonga Creek itself caused $10 million in damage. The Mojave River took out

numerous bridges and flooded farmlands in the upper desert. Strong storm winds felled trees which killed four and caused power outages.

1967: Two back to back storms starting on 1/21 and ending on 1/25 brought 9.24 inches of precipitation to Lake Arrowhead, 5.46 inches to Palomar Mountain, 4.86 inches to Big Bear Lake, 4.24 inches of rain to San Bernardino, 4.04 inches to Idyllwild, 2.81 inches to Santa Ana, and 2.13 inches to San Diego. Several roads were flooded and closed for a time. Heavy snowfall amounted to 24 inches at Big Bear Lake, 20 inches at Lake Arrowhead, and 8 inches at Idyllwild and Palomar Mountain. Roads were closed for a time.

1962: The heaviest winter storm in 13 years struck the San Bernardino area with 2.93 inches in Ontario and about two inches in San Bernardino on this day. Minor flooding of streets and neighborhoods resulted. Snow that started on 1/20 and ended on this day reached the lower elevations with two inches in Victorville, Barstow and Yucaipa. Highways were closed. 27 inches fell in Big Bear Lake and 24 inches in Lake Arrowhead over the three days.

Surface weather map from this day in 1937, with surface temperatures contoured in red and surface pressure in black.

1937: An incredibly intense and long lasting cold snap started on 1/19 and ended on 1/25. On this day most of the lowest readings occurred. It was 30° at San Diego, 29° at Newport Beach, 23° at Santa Ana (also on 1/19), 19° at Escondido, 21° at Riverside, 19° at Palm Springs, 17° at San Bernardino, 13° at Indio, 2° at Cuyamaca on 1/23, 0° at Squirrel Inn on 1/21, and -25° at Big Bear Dam on 1/20. The readings of 29° in Newport Beach, 19° in Palm Springs and 13° at Indio are each the lowest temperature on record. Widespread crop damage

occurred, including citrus.

1909: 4.53 inches of rain fell in San Bernardino on 1/21 and this day. At Pine Crest (Crestline) 7.00 inches fell and at Waterman Canyon 4.11 inches fell in 24 hours. Lytle Creek, Waterman Canyon and the Santa Ana River all flooded. Railroad damage occurred in Mill Creek and Colton.